

Delay

"DELAYS," said Dad, "are dangerous, and apt to work much harm." 'Twas in the days when grangerous, we lived upon the farm. So we were always hurrying to get things done, the plowing and the currying, the harvesting of prunes. We did our work kerwhoppingly, and gained the silver buck, while other farmers droopingly complained of evil luck. When storms came up a-thundering we did not care a darn; they never caught us blundering—our hay was in the barn; when rivers rose amazingly, overflowing banks and bed, we viewed the blamed things brazenly—our wood was in the shed. The elements might elammy spread snow throughout the land, they could not catch our family without some coal on hand. The lessons learned thus youthfully have served me all my days, and I can tell you truthfully that 'Up and Do It' pays. Delays are surely ruinous; let's do things on the jump, or Fate will soon be shootin' us to ward the blawsted dump.

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—WALT MASON.

Awarding the Nobel Prizes

A FRIEND of Nobel's and one of the witnesses to his will says that the wishes of the Swedish idealist and benefactor are not being carried out in that the medals and prizes are today being awarded rather as honors than as promotions. Nobel did not intend to bestow honors and riches where honor and riches were already accumulating and were not needed, but he wanted to help the dreamers of the world, the poets, scientists, peace lovers, writers, and humanists who with great dreams were hampered in their work by obscurity or poverty, to whom the help would come as the release from chains, as the great draught of life.

It is the dream of an idealist. Nobel believed in the individual and in the genius of the world, and that the world is helped along most by individuals. He wanted to help exceptional men and women to work out their bold constructive thoughts.

Of a fortune of 40,000,000 marks he left 1,000,000 to his relatives, who were already comfortably fixed; the other millions he put in this fund to be forever dedicated to the service of brains, hopes, and ideals. Poets he particularly delighted in, and he wrote verse himself. In inventors he saw much of the world's hope.

Beautiful as his vision is, to see his wealth forever helping to promote genius for the world's goods, in actual practice it is difficult to promote genius. The world itself generally pays and honors genius as soon as genius is recognizable. The greatest names in the history of the year are generally of men who are being paid well and honored for their inventions and dreams, their creative work. If genius is obscure, the Nobel prize cannot find it to reward it.

A peculiar genius for seeking out genius, itself worthy the prize of honors and money, will have to be able to know the worth of ideas before the world has tried them out. Genius that is deserving promotion, genius that is obscure, poor, and unknown, is hard to find and make sure of.

To sift out the good—the pure good from the part good and from the good that is nearly all evil—is no harder task than to sift out the hopes and dreams and ideals of men and women all over the world and get the true gold of genius.

The dreams that are foolish, the dreams that are idle, the dreams that turn sinister, look very much like the dreams that are pure truth. In fact, the beginning of many an idea that has lifted the world has been first the butt of ridicule. Men have been shot and hanged and burned for having the new truth in them, so hateful does truth sometimes look.

The world is tolerant towards dreams these days, even those that have not materialized into success or fame. The world is not dreaming great dreams, hoots at dreamers but generally lets them live. Many of the dreams are still to be hooted at.

Out of the world of dreamers to sort out the Edisons, the Nikola Teslas, the Robert Brownings, the Lincolns, the Lubers, and all the true prophets requires a sieve the world has not yet found except that of material success. Right ideas at last succeed of their own worth, and not until they succeed does the world often know they are worthy.

Thrift Or Robbery

A MONEY LENDER in St. Louis who is being sued for \$11,000 by a poor old woman is asking for a change of venue, saying he cannot get a fair trial in the city where he conducts his business. Upon inquiry the court could find no one who knew him, who thought he could.

Every one questioned found him guilty. The old woman, who is nearly blind and is poor, naturally does not want to leave her home to carry on her suit. The \$11,000 claimed is \$1000 actual damages, \$10,000 punitive. Twelve years ago the money lender lent her \$100 with which to buy furniture. For 12 years she has been paying usurious interest on the money, more than repaying the original amount some time ago; and still she "owes" him \$249, for which "indebtedness" the money lender recently sold her furniture at auction for \$118.

The story shows how tight a net the money lender catches the poor in. It shows how hopeless and helpless they are, once they begin trying themselves up in a promise to pay monthly interest out of their little funds.

The old adage, nothing succeeds like success, is just as true turned wrong side out, nothing brings down trouble like trouble. The poor are very lightning rods for all human miseries. It is not only one thing that keeps them down but many; they catch sickness sooner, suffer more from blizzards, have more accidents; their sons and daughters get into trouble more easily, their friends prove false sooner, and often even the consolations of religion are impossible, for it is the habit of folks to go to church well dressed, and the poor cannot manage it. On top of all their other troubles is the money shark waiting round the corner to catch them and hold them all their days.

Solid For Congressman Smith

EL PASO is solid for W. R. Smith for congress. All efforts of men in the eastern part of the district to gain El Paso support are vain. El Paso will not desert the man who has served the district so well. The fact that he has served six terms is emphatically no reason for removing him, but rather one of the best of reasons why he should be kept right there. The long termers in congress are apt to be the leaders, and Mr. Smith's ability has been recognized by putting him at the head of one of the most important committees, that on irrigation.

The same reasons that, irrespective of all others, make Judge Smith the logical choice of El Pasoans—his intimate acquaintance with reclamation matters, his influence at Washington, and his loyal services to his constituency—make him the logical choice of all west Texas. The Pecos counties are not going to forsake the man who has just successfully secured the cooperation of the government in surveys and plans for Texas reclamation projects on other rivers than the Rio Grande.

The old cry of the candidate, "You've been in long enough and I want in," doesn't carry far in the case of the campaigners from the east end of the district. Congressman Smith is without opposition in El Paso and the western counties, and furthermore they will do all they can to insure his success in the remainder of the district.

One-Sentence Philosophy

QUAKER MEDITATIONS.
(Philadelphia Record.)
Happy is the woman who is pleased with everything, including herself. Nothing less than an antony would show what some men have in them. A good bit of sympathy is wasted on the poor that is needed by the rich. Fame demonstrates that even the mantle of greatness may become threadbare. Every woman must have a pet. If she can't have a cat or a dog, she gets a man. "The deadhead must go," exclaimed the theatrical manager, "it's already a thing of the past," replied the dramatic critic. "I would give my life for you!" exclaimed the impetuous suitor, passionately. "And nothing to boot!" asked the heiress, fully realizing the inequality of such a trade. "We live and learn," quoted the Wise Guy. "That's right," agreed the Simple Mug. "Until I went to live in a boarding house I never knew there were so many stewed prunes in the world."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.
(Chicago News.)
It's easy to find trouble or an excuse. Stupid people seldom realize that they are stupid. Some people would rather go broke than not go at all. A man with a grouch can find fault where it doesn't exist. Sometimes a smart man gets paid for not doing things he might. A woman says things she doesn't mean; a man means things he doesn't say. It takes a pessimist to worry over a job lot of possibilities that never develop. Distance, at any rate fails to lend enchantment to money. It may be no disgrace to be poor, but it is in the way of getting rich. Finding fault is the antithesis of finding a needle in a haystack. Hopes are generally straws, when the chances of their realization are slightest.

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Louis the Sixteenth

BY GEORGE FITCH.
Author of "At Good Old Slawish."

LOUIS THE SIXTEENTH, one of the most famous goats of all history, was king of France from the year 1673 until 1792 when he was fired from the job by the people of France in mobs assembled. The following year he was beheaded, by which means the people are supposed to have got even with his ancestors.

Louis was the son of Louis XV, who is popularly supposed to have been a compendium of all villainies and a descendant of a long line of Louis who were in general much harder on the population than smallpox would have been. Louis XVI was an amiable young man distinguished by his good nature, kind heart and low, sloping forehead. If he had not been king, he would have made a fairly accomplished potato peeler, or locksmith. There is reason to suppose that he would have preferred the latter. However, as the king job had been wished on him, he did his best with it, married a haughty princess picked out for him from sample pictures, and occupied himself with hunting. This was from motives of the purest patriotism for if Louis had tried to run the country he would have skidded on the first turn. He wasn't even able to run his wife.

Louis was a great relief from his father who had a great habit of filling up the dungeons with citizens and then losing his notes regarding the same. But he came too late. There was a general feeling about France that kings were superfluous and in 1789, the people rose and began to exterminate royalty in a methodical, though messy manner. Louis watched proceedings with great sadness and immense dignity, and when he was told to get his hat, turn in his tools and call for his pay check, he did so with a politeness which endeared him to many.

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14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1900.

H. F. Bonham came down this morning from Las Cruces in the city today from Las Cruces.

Col. R. Y. Anderson is in the city today from Las Cruces.

Judge A. B. Fall came down from Las Cruces this morning.

President Paul Morton, of the Santa Fe, has returned from a trip to the Pacific coast.

Division superintendent Hurley, of the Santa Fe, is in the city to attend the car service conference.

The chess club will have a meeting this evening in the office of Judge Ellis, when three new tables will be exhibited.

The following will participate in the Farland musical festival at Choein hall Monday night, Feb. 5: Mrs. W. M. Gillespie and Mrs. W. R. Ryan, Mrs. L. Welch, Dr. E. H. Irvin, Mrs. W. D. Howe, A. A. Farland.

The ordinance imposing the usual city occupation tax went into effect yesterday. This is one half the tax imposed by the state and covers all occupations taxed by the state except such as are exempt by the law.

This morning's west bound train carried no less important passengers in the sporting world than Jim Jeffries of California, heavyweight champion of the world, and Tommy Ryan, the light heavyweight pugilist, his trainer.

At the regular monthly meeting last night six members were dropped from the roster of House company No. 1 for non attendance at fires. It is the policy of company No. 1 to get rid of all such members as soon as they are found out. It was also ordered that all members provide themselves with uniforms.

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able to execute his father, grandfather and great grandfather, they having prudently died long before, it was felt that he was the best available substitute. He was therefore beheaded. The sad fate of Louis XVI teaches us no lesson except in a methodical, though messy manner. Louis watched proceedings with great sadness and immense dignity, and when he was told to get his hat, turn in his tools and call for his pay check, he did so with a politeness which endeared him to many.

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A party was given recently at the home of J. H. James on Marquette avenue, by F. P. Douciss and the Misses Hawkins in honor of Mrs. James's niece, Miss Bertye Preston, of Fort Worth, Texas. Those present were: Misses Hawkins and the Misses Hoffman; Messrs. F. P. Douciss, A. Henderson, Walker, V. E. Hawkins and Cowan.

Next year El Paso is to have an El Paso House more approaching comfort and luxury in its appointment and one which will be a credit to the city. A Sanworth has secured a lease of four years on the Myar and the terms of the contract require expenditure for improvements. The entire building is to be remodeled and renovated on the inside and steam heat is to be installed.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce was held last night.

The following were present: W. E. Emerson, S. J. Freudenthal, T. H. Tracy, H. B. Stevens, C. W. Brown and secretary E. E. Russell. Secretary Russell reported that he had received membership dues amounting to \$497 since January 3. H. B. Stevens presided at a general discussion of the question of park versus school sites. S. J. Freudenthal said that a high school was needed by the city regardless of the site.

HAS STORY OF EL PASO.

The current issue of the Sunset magazine contains a story of El Paso and southwestern Texas, including a number of pictures of El Paso. This is a part of the publicity campaign of the chamber of commerce.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

"WILLIAM BENTON'S people in England and Scotland are among the most prominent there and their ancestors extend over a period of hundreds of years," said Mal. Henry Scougall, formerly of the English army and a refugee here from Mexico. "I never heard that Benton's maternal grandfather was Col. Hay, who led the charge of the light brigade, but I do know that his uncle or cousin is inspector general of immigration for all of India, with headquarters in Calcutta. I am positive that he was a Scotchman, for I was well acquainted with him and knew him for years in Mexico. His brother, James, in Durango, ought to be able to settle this point beyond question. Bill Benton was as good a man as they make them, and I have lost a good friend in him."

"There goes one American consul in Mexico who knows his business and attends to it," an American refugee said, as he saw Marion Letcher, consul at Chihuahua, pass through the lobby of the Paso del Norte. He is on the job every minute of the time and, while it is necessary for him to make many demands and ask many favors from the Mexicans, he always maintains the dignity that goes with his office and he has done much to make Americans and the United States government respected in Mexico. Many times I have had dealings with this particular consul and he has always been all that an American consul is supposed to be—and often is not—in Mexico."

"For the size of El Paso, I am certainly very much impressed with the paved streets," said P. A. Augur, of Middletown, Conn. "The way a town looks after its streets is generally a pretty good indication of the civic spirit of the citizens. I met an El Paso some time ago traveling, and he commented upon the paved streets of El Paso, but even that did not prepare me for what I see here."

"The law forbidding the importation into this country of pigeons and birds of paradise is certainly a good one," said C. M. Lyman, of the customs service. "That law is preventing and is going to prevent the slaughter of thousands of birds. If the demand for these pigeons is stopped, the dealers will cease hunting and killing the birds. We are accumulating quite a number of feathers in the vault here. I do not know what they will be eventually done with them, but they are all cataloged, numbered and labeled, and then stored away."

"To any one interested in horses, polo is a most fascinating game," said Col. Robert D. Read, at the polo game Sunday. "A good polo player has to be a crack horseman, and a good polo pony has to be an exceptionally intelligent and quick moving animal. The daring and skill required of the players and the spectacular features of the game give it an interest different from any other game."

"I believe the annual meetings of the Pan Hellenic association of Texas result in much good," said Judge Ballard Coldwell, who has returned from the recent meeting of that association held at Dallas, Tex. "The meetings serve to keep the members in touch with each other so that they can be in a position to assist the members of the different fraternities who are still in the universities. In doing this we assist the members of the faculties in maintaining order and enforcing their rules and regulations governing fraternities. The meetings also tend to enlighten those who are not acquainted with fraternities. There were 300 present at the Dallas meeting. They came all the way from Amarillo, Abilene, Fort Worth and Houston. Senator McGregor, Fred A. Jones, who built the Dallas hotel, Charles Hume and bishop Kingsolving were the principal speakers. Murphy Townsend was the toastmaster. We had a cabaret show, during which each fraternity put on a stunt. The S. A. E. and the Phi Delta Theta's put on the snake dance."

Judge Coldwell is one of the commit-

"This Is My Birthday Anniversary"

MARCH was formerly the first month of the year in the Roman calendar and was known as the month of Mars, the god of war. When we think of the snow and sleet, wind and rain, which are more or less characteristic of the month in all climates, we acknowledge the fitness of the name. William Morris gives a little different turn to the warlike thought in connection with the first month of spring, when he says:

"Slayer of the winter, art thou here again?
O welcome, thou that bringest the summer night!
The bitter wind makes not for thy faint blue sky."

Nor will we mock thee for thy faint blue sky. The El Paso boys and girls born on March 3 are starting this new year with a rather dubious day, but the sun is back of the clouds and the summer is coming. Today's birthday anniversary list follows:

Paul Kearnain, 14
Eupha Wright, 11
Samuel Middleton, 12
Morton Oliver, 10
Eula McMahon, 10
William Lempert, 17
Willie Richie, 10
Fannie Doleral, 9
Leo Rosenstein, 14
Sara Bort, 9
Jeanette Goemetz, 13

The compliments of The Herald and a ticket to the Bijou for each one of the young folks named above. Call at the office for it.

The Daily Novelette

ANTI-CLIMAX.

She was so thoughtful
About making him think
Of things not to forget,
That it drove him to drink.

"MERRIMAC," she said, with two notes of finality in her voice, "I am tired of your absent-mindedness. No one can tell me that a man can't remember not to forget if he wants to. If you fail to meet me in front of the theater at 8 o'clock tonight, I shall divorce you!"

And, cold and regal in her morning gown of purple Dillingness, she pushed her coffee cup away from her, though it still had some grounds in it, mainly at the bottom.

"But," he said, desperately, his heart beating quick with fear, "what shall I do to remember? Can't you suggest something, Unida?"

"I will help you out," she said, after a moment's reflection. "You have been a good husband, in your way. Tie a knot in your handkerchief."

He did so.

"And now," she said, "take this bit of rope and tie it about your finger."

He did so.

And also she made him leave the third button of his vest open, part his hair on the right side, put a dent in his hat, and leave one shoe unlaced.

Punctual to the second, he met her in front of the Pretzel factory.

"You see!" he cried triumphantly.

"Yes," she said, adding, with an apologetic little laugh, "Merrimac, I have forgotten the tickets!"

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100 Years Ago Today
One hundred years ago today the naval force of the United States on the Atlantic coast consisted of 33 vessels, 27 of which were in commission. Among them were a dozen great ships, first-class frigates and sloops of war, some of them carrying as many as 74 guns each. They were all sailing vessels. The era of the steam warship, however, was close at hand. With the aid of an appropriation from congress there was now nearing completion a "floating steam battery," designed by Robert Fulton. This ship, which was launched a few months later, was the first steam war vessel ever built and was destined to revolutionize the methods of naval warfare throughout the world.

HUNTER IS APPROVED AS WOODS EXECUTOR

The appointment of F. E. Hunter as executor of the estate of Mary Woods, deceased, was approved by probate judge A. S. J. Eyer, Tuesday morning. The executor's bond was fixed at \$40,000. The estate was estimated to be worth approximately \$200,000. Lee Orndorff, George D. Eyer and W. Y. Ellis were appointed appraisers.

The will of Abraham Pogue, deceased, was also admitted to probate. Among other bequests the testator left the First Presbyterian church \$5000. R. B. Elias, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, E. A. Shelton and L. M. Brock were appointed executors of the will. The appointments were approved by Judge Eyer. Leonard Gillett, George D. Eyer and Juan Smith were appointed appraisers.

DEFENDANT CONDUCTS OWN CASE, CROSS EXAMINES SELF
Chicago, Ill., March 2.—Charged with conspiracy to commit arson, Nathan Spira, who is conducting his own defense, placed himself on the witness stand Monday and cross examined himself.

Counsel for the state had refused to cross examine Spira, and he objected to being his own witness without being questioned, which would have made it impossible for the prosecutor to object to statements before they were put down in the record.

ABE MARTIN

Late Bud says marriage wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for certain reasons 'o' the year when it's too cool to send your wife 't Michigan an' too warm to send her 't Florida. I don't believe baked beans have an enemy in the world.

El Paso Is Getting Some Advertising In Oklahoma City

(Cartoon from Oklahoma City paper.)

